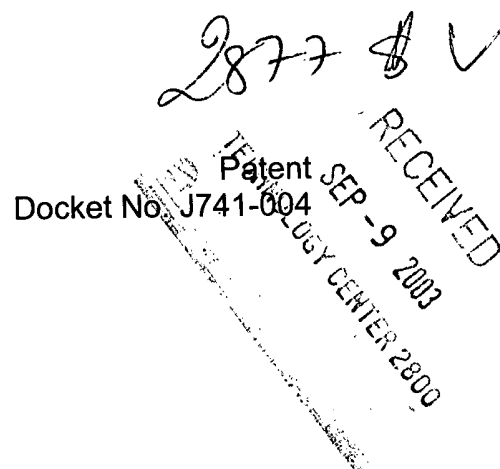


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Applicant : Robert F. HENDRIKS et al.
Application No. : 09/989,654
Filing Date : November 19, 2001
For : INSPECTION OF SURFACES
Examiner : M. LYONS
Art Unit : 2877

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby request, under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a one month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Official Action dated May 22, 2003; that is, up to and including September 22, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed to cover the official fee, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1).

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 14-1431 for any additional fees which may be due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17.

In response to the Official Action dated May 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application, as follows: